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THE DOOR OF HOPE.

Senator Johnson, of Alabama, in his recent address at Boston, is reported to have said that the Negro complains too much about the door of hope and in his annual report, states as the It is here intended to sound a note of of opportunity being closed upon the race. That if the door was closed new men to enlist and of the soldiers guard against the machinations which upon a white man he would proceed to unlock it or break it down. This is the low wages paid. Perhaps there is exactly what the Negro is doing and it is one of the main causes why there not care to mention-Brownsville, gross injustice perpetrated upon them is such a disparity between the crim- Men do not usually rush to take jobs inal record of the Negro and white man in which they may be called upon at as was shown by Mr. Johnson. When any moment to lay down their lives the lion in his den. a man attempts to unlock a door or when they know that whether guilty break in where those on the inside or innocent of crime they may be think he has no right to come he is liabe to meet resistance. The Negro trial and branded before the world as enough data from which to forecast fasten a crime upon his saviors, for complains it is true, but his complaint midnight assassins. There is little with anything like certainty the outis no more insistent than is that of inducement for a man to become a others. William Jennings Bryan, for example, has been complaining for many years and for what? For the Sergt. Mingo Sanders, who served his same purpose that the Negro complains, that is, to create sentiment for the amelioration of evils as each sees them. In the meantime, while the Negro is complaining be is going forward buying homes, opening new business enterprises, decreasing his illiterarcy and advancing in most every walk of life at a rate that will compare very favorably with that of any other race in America.

LYNCHINGS FOR 1907.

Lynching statitics for 1907 show a gratifying decrease in the number of the year from this form of lawlessness. The record, which is doubtless incomplete, shows there were forty-two vicgroes and four white. Three of the former being females.

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and whose whole aim is to get next to the Louisiana. Farther North there were federal pie counter. lynchings in Maryland, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. Mississippi, which held the lead in 1906, gave way to gress giving the Federal courts power Louisiana in which state nine persons. all colored, met death by mob vio- crime upon an alien. This bill is the lence. Seven each was the record of result of disturbances in several sec-Alabama and Mississippi, six in Geor- tions of America where aliens have country. The man who is President, the race in its most useful place as a gia, and Tennessee, one, that of Will been killed and the general govern- or aspires to be, should be free of newspaper. Clifford at Tiptonville, on the 16th of ment was held accountable for their bigotry, self-conceit, and, in fact, every-August.

invoked. Murder being the cause in more cases than any one other. The bring the offenders to justice. year just closed shows, as did those preceding, that lynching is more often resorted to for other crimes than for the one for which it is supposed to be the only specific.

NIGHT RIDERS.

decoranists in certain portions of Kentucky, his nationality.

The "night riders," masked men similar to the Ku Klux Klan of former sue of The Pythian News, a monthly days, are traveling over the tobacco re- publication in the interests of the gions of the state leaving death and Knights of Pythias. J. Thomas Turndespoilation in their wake. Proper- er is editor and manager. ty to the value of a million dollars or more has been destroyed in the last year. The "night riders," supposed to be members of a farmers' association which was formed to pool the interests of the planters so as to prevent the tobacco trust from forcing prices for leaf tohacco below its real value on an open market where there is competition, have burned the property of the trust, dynamited independent warehouses, scraped the beds of individual planters, raided towns, ordered To The Nashville Globe: what class of laborers should be employed and created a state of fear in all the small towns where tobacco is

executive of Kentucky, is vigorous in his denunciation of these lawless bands and has called upon the legislature to act so that they may be sup- publican National Convention which pressed. And they should be sup pressed by placing the whole bunch in ter, standing or reputation of any person, the penitentiary. Farmers, ordinary of himself in a political way, then his such are frequently to be commended. but when such a combination or the members of a combination violate the being considered unworthy of the organization.

> Department. The Secretary of War, to reinlist when their terms expire, is part of our military establishment when he thinks that he might be, like country for almost a quarter of a century and made a record that any one would be proud of, kicked out in old age without being accorded the treatment that is due the meanest criminal.

Before Mr. Foraker's friends in Ohio became active in his interests, the supporters of Judge Taft were loud in proclaiming that the senior senator from that state would not only be eliminated from the political equation, but that the state would man should be the embodiment of the send up a solid delegation for the big highest statesmanship. Secretary of War as the next repubpersons who have met death during lican nominee for President. Things Erie County, are different now. whose County Committee indorsed Taft last year, rescinded its actions tims. Of these thirty-eight were Ne- this week. Judge Taft will find that capturing the Ohio delegation is quite Hope" is kept open and a "square a different proposition from that of deal" is given to all classes of Ameri Lynchings were most numerous in rounding up the Southern delegates

A bill has been introduced in Conto punish anyone who commits death yet lacked the power to bring fugitive, wounding white man and is held responsible for acts of violence threatening a woman were the al- against foreigners in any state, then leged crimes for which lynch law was the Federal courts should have the

The press dispatches announce the death in New York City of George Dixon, one of the greatest prize fighters at his weight ever produced by America. Dixon for many years was supreme in his class, met all comers A state bordering upon anarchy ex- never barring a man on account of

We are in receipt of the initial is-

COMMUNICATION.

To The Nashville Globe:

The McMinnville Notes of last week stated Laura Young, my daughter, gave a card party in honor of Dr. S. L. Edwards, of Meharry, is a mistake. don't have card parties in my home. MRS. S. E. YOUNG.

January 6.

For Joseph B. Foraker.

Fellow countrymen, let us awake if there is the least possible chance of our being asleep or indifferent to the political situation that confronts us to-day. It is a situation that demands Gov. Willson, the newly installed our most earnest consideration, for it is fraught with the future status of the Negro in the political arena of this country. By what he does from now until the end of the great Remeets at Chicoga, Ill., June 16, he will be measured and judged. If he fails to demonstrate his ability to take care himself by his failure to stand by his known and tried friends, then he will have no one to blame but himself for Thursday is press day.

All news matter sent us for publication laws of the land they should be punished no matter how worthy is their land they should be punished no matter how worthy is their life an intelligent many man canable. of rising above any sordid consideration to do battle for those who have defended and done battle for him and The standing army of the United his, then he is deserving of the con-States is becoming so rapidly depleted tempt which will surely come to him as to cause serious concern in the War for his lack of gratitude and apprecition of the heroic service rendered him in his darkest hour of helplesness. most probable cause of the refusal of warning to put the Negro on his are being brewed in the Republican political and nomination pot to knife the one man who had the courage to another cause which the Scretary did defend the Negro soldiers against the by a powerful administration. That man is Senator Joseph B. Foraker. He it was, so to speak, who bearded

> Concerning the Presidential nomicome of the strenuous struggle that will leaping ambition to please and be tion shall have decided who is winner of the coveted honor of being the standard-bearer of the party for the highest office in the gift of the American people. One thing, though, is certain and that is the party has several able men who are longing to lead the Republican forces in November, In the imagination, each one of the aspirants for the nomination sees himself in the White House, the seat of the world's mightiest and most power-

ful ruler. To be President of these United States and its lately acquired insular possessions, is not only the greatest honor, but the most responsible position that can be conferred upon any man upon the earth; therefore, such a He should rise above petty animosities, narrowness and racial prejudice. His stock in all of these should not equal, much less exceed his patriotism. He should not countenance any form of tyranny. He should set over against injustice and oppression justice and protection. He should see to it that the "Door of can citizens as far as this within his power lies. As the sworn executor of his country's laws, justice should be privileges to none. He should stand for all that is good and righteous in the conduct of national affairs. In short, he should be a man of the triotism should embrace the welfare of all the people and should be as broad

thing that would tend to cloud his Assault, attempted assault, murder, the guilty persons to trial. The bill his prejudice, or distort his just adattempted murder, robbery, aiding should pass. Since the whole country ministration of government alike to the last thread of its integrity beall the people. The opportune moment has arrived to make a motion that the Negro of country, and they are silently wait the North, the South, the East and ing the action of the race in the strugpower to overstep local prejudices and the West support a man, pre-eminent- gle to uphold its national existence. ly fitted by the highest qualities of Never before has this government. justice and the broadest patriotism for race such a blow as the indiscrimin-

knew the price he was likely to be the great political parties.

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against the intrenched wrong-doers undaunted; a man whom lovers of fair play everywhere should delight to honor, and that man is Joseph B.

Foraker. Senator Foraker stood for the preservers of Col. Roosevelt, though the latter tried most strenuously to saddle upon them a crime to justify his actions toward them. Not to prove them guilty, was to brand himself as one of the meanest ingrates of the age, if he did not countermand the order discharging "without honor" the men who, by the most gallant and heroic charge of the whole Spanish-American War, saved him and his command from being cut to pieces. Senator Foraker has forever signalized himself by the manner he handled the experts. He out-experted the experts and made their expert testimony look ridiculously bunglesome, indeed, to put it in the best possible light. It would have been pitiful, indeed, had not the case been so serious for the Negro, to see the little fellows CLEANING, PRESSING, RE squirming and riggling about, trying nee of the Republican party this year to get together some expert evidence there is much speculation. There is to help their dread master, the Presi-"dismissed without honor," without no political seer in possession of dent of the United States of America,

> popular with the South. This has been said to show that the man upon whom Roosevelt purposes to drop the mantle of his policies has been his faithful disciple and will be a close imitator if he succeeds in riding into power. That man is William H. Taft.

> If Taft is ever President, he will be so nominally, Roosevelt will be the real thing, that is, the power behind the throne. Taft, as Secretary of War, could have held up the iniquitous order against the soldiers, as the President was out of the country, in such a way as to have made it impossible for the President to sustain his sweeping order without making himself culpable before the world for a glaring wrong.

> So, fellow-countrymen, let us see to it that the political band wagon in the South is not packed with Tafterites only.

> Foraker has a claim on our support, and let us be men and rally to him as he did to us.

JADECEE.

To The Nashville Globe: The race must be proud of the fact that the Globe, though a young publication compared with the many years of service which some of our race journals have enjoyed, has received praise meted out alike to all with special and special notice throuhgout our nation. Why? Because it has been and is now, in the estimation of many, the independent and uncompromising defender of the race. It should be read greatest moral courage and his pa- in every home in America, until the support and unselfish encouragement by the race will make it a daily organ. and extensive as the boundaries of his and then it can commend and defend

The campaign of 1908, for the election of a President of the nation. reason, warp his judgment, awaken comes at a time when the race, as part of this great nation, stands on fore the American people. Many are the friends the black man has in this statesmanship, the loftiest sense of through its chief executive, dealt the the nomination of the Republican par- ate discharge of the Battalion of the ty for the exalted position of Presi- 25th Infantry at Brownsville, Texas. dent; a man too noble to witness a The results of this act, which is now wrong, that might set a precedent for a disturbing element, and the future striking down the liberties of his action of the President and this nacountry in some far off day, without tion towards the black man will beexposing that wrong; a man who youd a doubt be watched by both of

called on to pay for his defense of If ours is truly a government of the innocent men, yet moved forward people, by the people, for the people,

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then the black man is indeed an tegral part of this government. is paying taxes on over \$500,000,00 worth of real and personal property This being true, surely our genera government, or our many government within a government, can with an honor or dignity boast of a citizenshi builded in part upon taxation without representation, the very princips upon which America fought England and freed herself from such appre sion. The black man, who is now the victim of the same oppression by this government, has his hero in the reve lution-"Crispus Attucks" was amon the first to die to free this country The race cannot do better than prove to the people of this country that the black man is worthy of the sam amount of consideration as a part American citizenship as all other nationalities; and, above all, the masses of the race must be taught this fact. Our progress has been marvelous along the line of different branches of education, industrial and mechanical. Seventy per cent of our male population, ranging in age from twelve to forty-five years, are bread winners, We own millions of dollars in church and educational property. Our progress along the material line has never been equaled by any other race in the same space of time and under similar circumstances. We hope to continue this growth; but what has been our growth aong national and civic lines? Why is it that in communities in which the black man lives he is not considered in the assessment of his

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